

relates to getting them firmly entrenched into the wide variety of pleasant and useful aspects of the Amateur Radio Service.

There's a LOT of good news to be had. Especially since the all-important computer is readily (some say TOO) available at ridiculously low (often free) prices, AND since the adaptive circuit boards are also readily available and can be funded by a large number of local organizations if necessary.

I've recently set up computers for eight CP (and one MS) patients here in the Hartford area. All at no charge whatsoever.

Oh, and two paragraphs ago, I failed to mention the availability of shareware/freeware software that makes the task that much more enjoyable. For example, one program I FREQUENTLY utilize is particularly well adapted for CP patients and others who have motor skills difficulty. Often they have trouble getting to a particular key without first mashing twenty others on the way to that single tiny place on the keyboard. Fair enough; there's certainly plenty of programs that will wait until a particular key is pressed for a specified period of time until it "takes". Fixes THAT nicely!

Oh, and the very same program allows Control, Alt, and Shift keys to be toggled without being held. Nifty and VERY much in demand!

And the Covox boards I've been setting up allow people to use any type of sounds or utterances to do the input tasks. One lady I work closely with lately has poor control over her hands, and her speech is difficult for us mere mortals to understand. But the computer? Once trained to her speech patterns, it merrily responds quite nicely to her voice commands. And on those frequent occasions when she's not up to answering the doorbell, the sound board recognizes that doorbell and outputs a very loud Doberman sound-alike file. The possibilities are, of course limitless. At some point let's absolutely discuss the ultra-cheap X10 devices and how voice commands can key THEM to kick in just about anything that uses electricity...

Which gets us to Amateur Radio, finally. With the above hardware and software, any number of exceptionally simple Amateur Radio applications suddenly become available to the disabled/handicapped person. I'm reminded of last year's Handi-hams camp, where I was teaching a class on just this sort of thing, and in wheeled an old-time amateur who had either CP or MS (I forget). I spotted him out of the corner of my eye as he was coming in, and made a mental note to myself that I'd not seen him before, although I'd been teaching there for almost a week at that point. Turns out he'd heard on a local repeater in North Dakota,

(the camp was in Minnesota) that someone might have info to assist him with using his computer to once again become active on the air. He particularly wanted to get back into CW operation. No problem! About ten minutes after his arrival, I had his head buzzing with simple methods of doing just that; he was delighted.

I was delighted as well, because the class was actually about using voice commands to enjoy AX.25 and TCP/IP operations, and this was an interesting and instructive way for me to point out to the other students that virtually ANY of the many modes of Amateur Radio operation can be enhanced and further enjoyed by use of inexpensive technology that already exists.

I'd be interested in continuing this discussion here, as I believe there are others who could benefit but are reluctant to join in and ASK. Also, there's the matter of such discussions spurring on the Elmers-of-the-disabled of which there are many, fortunately.

Luck Hurder, KY1T KY1TLUCK@AOL.COM ARRL@BIX.COM
53 Broadview St. "The Amateur Radio Service opens doors
Newington CT 06111 to the world for EVERYONE!"

Date: Sun, 03 Jul 94 16:15:45 GMT
From: spcuna!starcomm.overleaf.com!n2ayj!n2ayj@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Call-Sign Prefixes
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <48038@mindlink.bc.ca> Graham Butler@mindlink.bc.ca writes:

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>         I am going to be travelling through the U.S. this summer, and I
>already posted a message asking whether my Canadian Amateur license is good
>in the U.S. as well, to which the answer was Yes.  Apparently I have to
>identify myself with my callsign followed by the prefix followed by "\ <and
>then the prefix of the area that I'm in"  How do I know what the prefix
>should be?  The ARRL handbook just says that the U.S. callsign prefixes are
>between "WAA-WZZ"!
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> Graham

USA also "owns" NAA-NZZ, KAA-KZZ, and AAA-ALZ (I think; check the A's).

The "can't go wrong" id would be "Wn/YOURCALL", where "n" is the call area in which you are operating (e.g., W2-STROKE-VE1ABC) The prefix of the country in which you are operating goes first; US switched to this world-wide standard some years ago. "W" is the most recognized US identifier.

I suggest you get an updated copy of both sets of rules to cover yourself.

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"Be sure your seat belt is securely fastened, keep your hands and feet inside the car at all times, secure any loose items, exit to your right, and enjoy your stay here at fill-in-the-blank." - Amusement Park speech #14a
Stan Olochwoszcz, N2AYJ n2ayj@n2ayj.overleaf.com

Date: 3 Jul 94 11:27:25 -0500
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!swrinde!howland.reston.ans.net!europa.eng.gtefsd.com!ulowell!
woods.uml.edu!martinja@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: CW - THE ONLY MODE!
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <CsALB5.G2n@srngenprp.sr.hp.com>, alanb@hpnmarb.sr.hp.com (Alan Bloom) writes:

> Doug Faunt N6TQS 510-655-8604 (faunt@netcom4.netcom.com) wrote:
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> : I've been considering trying to learn to use a paddle left-handed, so
> : that I can keep a pencil in my right. Any opinions on this?
> : I haven't learned to use a paddle yet. I'm still working on copying
> : 13wpm.
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> I am a right-hander who learned on a left-handed bug. (!) To this day,
> I can send with bug or keyer with either hand.
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> But it's not as useful as you might think. I find it very hard to
> write and send at the same time, to the extent that I rarely even try.
> (No problem writing and receiving at the same time.)

I think Luck Hurder, KY1T, is on to something in his post in the policy news-group where he speaks of the pencil and paper trap.

Probably 80 percent of the time I am copying code I have a pencil in hand and am either taking notes or writing verbatim. However, when I run mobile cw I have to depend completely on the gray matter entrapped within my skull. Yeah, it's still there, had an MRI in '90 that proves it.

Wonder what others think here...wouldn't it be best to learn code by head copy and not paper & pencil copy? I know Luck alluded to using a computer and your favorite word processor, but then you would have to know how to type also. The COVOX idea seems sound enough though. But looking back, I wish I had been taught to copy without the aid of any external memory storage devices, other than for maybe jotting down notes for the sake of QSO continuity or something

like that. Those of us who learned code the "old fashioned way" pencil & paper took a lot of hits when we'd miss a character. Later we learned how to just press on past those missed characters. I wonder how much less time would have been involved in getting the speed up to say 25 wpm or so if we had not gone that route?

It doesn't help that at test sessions we hand out paper and pencil and kinda force folks to copy that way. If they fail to attain a 70 percentile in answering the questions they may obtain credit for one minute of consecutive copy. What an incentive to copy with paper & pencil....and to copy verbatim.

Let's hear from some of the CW experts out there. What are your ideas on this? You too Luck. I'm interested. Maybe we can compile some how to's to help those in the next code class. I'm quite familiar with the way *I* did it but would like input into how other did or would do it now.

Thanks a bunch, sincerely,

Jim, WK1V

Date: Sun, 3 Jul 1994 16:13:05 GMT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!library.ucla.edu!csulb.edu!csus.edu!netcom.com!netcom6!
faunt@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: CW - THE ONLY MODE!
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I'd love to be able to do head copy, since the writing takes a significant amount of energy and time, however, I can't get the sense of what's coming across. I can't get the sense of letters spelled out to me, either. I have to remember them and mentally picture them. So, head copying, although I can get the characters a little faster that way, even now, doesn't seem to work for me. I am visually oriented.

Also, while copying on a computer or typewriter could be faster and/or easier, I don't type very well either. I have to look at the keyboard, at least some. Maybe I should learn to touch-type, but my goal is learning CW.

BTW, does anyone have any hints on learning to "copy behind"?
73, doug

Date: Sat, 2 Jul 1994 21:54:09 MDT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!swrinda!howland.reston.ans.net!europa.eng.gtefsd.com!

newsxfer.itd.umich.edu!nntp.cs.ubc.ca!unixg.ubc.ca!quartz.ucs.ualberta.ca!alberta!
ve6mgs!usenet@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Daily Summary of Solar Geophysical Activity for 02 July
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

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DAILY SUMMARY OF SOLAR GEOPHYSICAL ACTIVITY

02 JULY, 1994

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(Based In-Part On SESC Observational Data)

SOLAR AND GEOPHYSICAL ACTIVITY INDICES FOR 02 JULY, 1994

!!BEGIN!! (1.0) S.T.D. Solar Geophysical Data Broadcast for DAY 183, 07/02/94
10.7 FLUX=082.8 90-AVG=079 SSN=068 BKI=3555 2334 BAI=027
BGND-XRAY=A5.0 FLU1=2.9E+06 FLU10=1.5E+04 PKI=3555 3334 PAI=027
BOU-DEV=025,088,077,071,019,025,023,054 DEV-AVG=047 NT SWF=00:000
XRAY-MAX= B5.3 @ 0508UT XRAY-MIN= A3.4 @ 2016UT XRAY-AVG= A7.3
NEUTN-MAX= +001% @ 1415UT NEUTN-MIN= -004% @ 0640UT NEUTN-AVG= -0.9%
PCA-MAX= +0.1DB @ 1550UT PCA-MIN= -0.5DB @ 0510UT PCA-AVG= -0.0DB
BOUTF-MAX=55336NT @ 2333UT BOUTF-MIN=55272NT @ 1005UT BOUTF-AVG=55301NT
GOES7-MAX=P:+000NT@ 0000UT GOES7-MIN=N:+000NT@ 0000UT G7-AVG=+075,+000,+000
GOES6-MAX=P:+133NT@ 1936UT GOES6-MIN=N:-060NT@ 0402UT G6-AVG=+102,+040,-030
FLUXFCST=STD:084,084,084;SESC:084,084,084 BAI/PAI-FCST=020,015,010/020,015,015
KFCST=3454 3232 3432 3323 27DAY-AP=017,019 27DAY-KP=3443 3334 4334 3344
WARNINGS=
ALERTS=
!!END-DATA!!

NOTE: The Effective Sunspot Number for 01 JUL 94 was 25.7.
The Full Kp Indices for 01 JUL 94 are: 4- 4o 5- 4o 3- 3- 3o 4o
The 3-Hr Ap Indices for 01 JUL 94 are: 21 28 37 28 11 13 15 30
Greater than 2 MeV Electron Fluence for 02 JUL is: 2.8E+08

SYNOPSIS OF ACTIVITY

Solar activity was very low. Region 7742 (S09E03) stabilized and decayed slightly while producing only B-class enhancements. A small region emerged near N09E15 and was numbered as Region 7745. A moderate size H spot rotated around

the limb and was numbered as new Region 7746 (N11E76). Minor surging accompanied the limb transit of this region.

Solar activity forecast: solar activity should be at a very low to low level for the next three days. The possibility of another M-class flare from Region 7742 remains but at a lower level.

The geomagnetic field was at generally unsettled to minor storm conditions. Some high latitude sites experienced major storming near the 0900-1200Z interval. The greater than 2 MeV electron fluxes were at low to moderate levels.

Geophysical activity forecast: the geomagnetic field should continue active for 03 Jul with minor storm intervals possible that day. Mostly unsettled conditions are forecast for 04 Jul with active intervals possible as this coronal hole related disturbance finally subsides. The field should be mostly unsettled on 05 Jul.

Event probabilities 03 jul-05 jul

Class M	10/10/10
Class X	01/01/01
Proton	01/01/01
PCAF	Green

Geomagnetic activity probabilities 03 jul-05 jul

A. Middle Latitudes	
Active	40/30/25
Minor Storm	20/15/10
Major-Severe Storm	05/01/01
B. High Latitudes	
Active	40/30/30
Minor Storm	25/20/15
Major-Severe Storm	10/05/05

HF propagation conditions were near-normal over the low and middle latitudes, while high and polar latitude paths saw near-normal propagation during the day and below-normal conditions at night. Transauroral circuits were most heavily affected with fair to poor propagation. Similar, although gradually improving conditions are expected over the next 72 hours. The frequency of high-latitude signal degradation should gradually subside as the level of geomagnetic and auroral activity correspondingly subsides.

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REGIONS WITH SUNSPOTS. LOCATIONS VALID AT 02/2400Z JULY

NMBR	LOCATION	LO	AREA	Z	LL	NN	MAG	TYPE
7742	S09E02	230	0200	DAC	07	023	BETA	
7743	S11E13	219	0000	AXX	00	001	ALPHA	
7745	N09E14	218	0010	CRO	03	003	BETA	
7746	N11E75	157	0110	HSX	02	001	ALPHA	

REGIONS DUE TO RETURN 03 JULY TO 05 JULY

NMBR	LAT	LO
7730	S11	130
7731	N09	123

LISTING OF SOLAR ENERGETIC EVENTS FOR 02 JULY, 1994

BEGIN	MAX	END	RGN	LOC	XRAY	OP	245MHZ	10CM	SWEEP
0152	0152	0152							110
0201	0201	0202							110

POSSIBLE CORONAL MASS EJECTION EVENTS FOR 02 JULY, 1994

NO EVENTS OBSERVED

INFERRED CORONAL HOLES: LOCATIONS VALID AT 02/2400Z

ISOLATED HOLES AND POLAR EXTENSIONS

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	CAR	TYPE	POL	AREA	OBSN
NO DATA AVAILABLE FOR ANALYSIS								

SUMMARY OF FLARE EVENTS FOR THE PREVIOUS UTC DAY

Date	Begin	Max	End	Xray	Op	Region	Locn	2695 MHz	8800 MHz	15.4 GHz
01 Jul:	0626	0630	0634	B1.2						
	0757	0802	0806	B2.5						
	0848	0918	0925	B2.1						
	1011	1022	1026	B1.7						
	1154	1158	1201	B1.2						
	1620	1724	1754	B7.0						

1947 1950 1952 B2.6
2053 2103 2110 B2.7

REGION FLARE STATISTICS FOR THE PREVIOUS UTC DAY

 C M X S 1 2 3 4 Total (%)
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Uncorrelated: 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 008 (100.0)

Total Events: 008 optical and x-ray.

EVENTS WITH SWEEPS AND/OR OPTICAL PHENOMENA FOR THE LAST UTC DAY

Date Begin Max End Xray Op Region Locn Sweeps/Optical Observations
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01 Jul: 0848 0918 0925 B2.1 III

NOTES:

All times are in Universal Time (UT). Characters preceding begin, max, and end times are defined as: B = Before, U = Uncertain, A = After. All times associated with x-ray flares (ex. flares which produce associated x-ray bursts) refer to the begin, max, and end times of the x-rays. Flares which are not associated with x-ray signatures use the optical observations to determine the begin, max, and end times.

Acronyms used to identify sweeps and optical phenomena include:

II = Type II Sweep Frequency Event
III = Type III Sweep
IV = Type IV Sweep
V = Type V Sweep
Continuum = Continuum Radio Event
Loop = Loop Prominence System,
Spray = Limb Spray,
Surge = Bright Limb Surge,
EPL = Eruptive Prominence on the Limb.

** End of Daily Report **

Date: Wed, 29 Jun 1994 23:41:00 GMT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!agate!iat.holonet.net!brranch!

geoffrey.s..mendelson@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Does anyone have a 73 or
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

From: gsm@gsm001.mendelson.com (Geoffrey S. Mendelson)
Newsgroups: rec.radio.amateur.misc
Subject: Does anyone have a 73 or so callbook?
Date: Wed, 29 Jun 1994 16:41:30 GMT
Message-ID: <1994Jun29.164130.20830@gsm001.mendelson.com>
Organization: mendelson.com

I am looking for someone to look up a call in the 1973 or so callbook.
If you have one and would not mind looking up a call for me, please
email me. Thanks and 73,

Geoff.

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"I am number six. Others come and others go, but I am always number six."
(From the movie "Eminent Domain".)

Geoffrey S. Mendelson N30WJ (215) 242-8712 gsm@mendelson.com

≥ TriNet: Bufkin Ridge Ranch * Where Horsemen can talk * 812-838-9053

Date: 3 Jul 1994 11:10:58 -0400
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!swrinde!gatech!udel!news.udel.edu!chopin.udel.edu!not-for-mail@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Good serial #'s for 940/930 ?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

What are the ranges of preferable serial numbers for the TS 930 and 940 ?

Tnx Bob

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Bob Penneys, WN3K Frankford Radio Club N.E.R.D.S.
Internet: penneys@brahms.udel.edu Mail: 12 E. Mill Stn. Dr., Newark, DE 19711
Work: Ham Radio Outlet (DE) 800-644-4476, 9:30-5:30 Eastern Fax: 302-322-8808

Date: Sun, 03 Jul 1994 12:05:48 -0500
From: newsflash.concordia.ca!altitude!interso.hip.cam.org!user@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Haiti's blockade frequencies?

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Thanks for you information Robin

STEF

Date: Sat, 2 Jul 1994 21:00:04 MDT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!library.ucla.edu!europa.eng.gtefsd.com!
newsxfer.itd.umich.edu!nntp.cs.ubc.ca!alberta!ve6mgs!rec-radio-
info@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Periodic Announcement - ARRL Email Information Server (info@arrl.org)
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Periodic Announcement - ARRL Email Information Server (info@arrl.org)

The services that the ARRL provides via the internet include the Email Information Server and the Technical Information Service. The Information Server is an automated mail server that gives you access to many of information files relating to various facets of Amateur Radio. You can retrieve any or all of these files by sending an email message to info@arrl.org here at ARRL HQ. Each file you request is then mailed to you automatically.

To use it, mail messages to:

info@arrl.org

Each line of the message body should contain a command as shown below. The subject of your message is not processed and may be omitted. You may place as many commands in a message as you want. The files you request will be sent to you in separate messages. Only ASCII text files are supported.

Valid INFO commands:

reply <address> (may be needed - see below for explanation)
help
index
send FILENAME (example: send prospect.txt)
quit

In the above message example, "help" retrieves a brief set of instructions for info, "index" retrieves a list of available files and "send prospect.txt" retrieves a text file containing information on becoming a radio amateur.

Note to users with FTP capability: All of these files are also available by anonymous ftp to oak.oakland.edu in the pub/hamradio/arrl/infoserver area. Retrieve the file index.txt in the /league sub-directory for a complete listing of available files.

If you want to retrieve several text files with one message, use a separate line for each "send filename" request.

Your From: field or Reply-to: field in your header should contain a valid Internet address, including full domain name. If your From: field does not contain a valid Internet address, the answer will not reach you. If this is the case, then use the reply command as shown above. When needed, this command should always be the first command in your message.

IMPORTANT: Please use the quit command in your message. This will prevent processing errors from message signatures.

PLEASE NOTE!: This is an automated system not capable of handling written requests. Any questions on the info-server or the content of any of its files should be directed to mtracy@arrl.org.

ALSO NOTE!: Do *NOT* reply to messages sent from info@arrl.org - the reply address is redirected to keep bounced messages from endlessly looping. Write a new message to info@arrl.org instead.

The Technical Information Service gives League members on the internet better access to the knowledgeable technical staff here at ARRL HQ. Questions relating to Amateur Radio and related technical topics are welcome. To use this service, send a normal e-mail message to tis@arrl.org with your question spelled out in plain english. For best service, be as specific as possible and keep your line length in messages to a maximum of 80 characters. Due to personnel limitations, priority will be given to questions from League members.

Best Regards,

Michael Tracy, KC1SX, ARRL Technical Information Services Coordinator
(e-mail mtracy@arrl.org)

Sample of files available from INFO: (There are lots more!)

Note - If you are not yet an Amateur Radio operator retrieve the file prospect (send prospect) for information on how to easily get started in this fun hobby.

FILENAME	SIZE	DESCRIPTION
PROSPECT.TXT	2k	How to get your Amateur Radio license
EXAMS.TXT	52k	Current exam schedule info - updated bi-weekly
EXAMINFO.TXT	9k	Examinations - what to bring - requirements
USERS.TXT	6k	List of HQ Email addresses
ARRLCAT.TXT	39k	Catalog of ARRL Publications - commercial content
JOIN.TXT	2k	How become an ARRL member
SERVICES.TXT	5k	A condensed list of ARRL membership services
TOUR.TXT	28k	An electronic tour of ARRL Headquarters
DIR.HQ	5k	Visiting ARRL HQ - directions and tour information
HFBANDS	7k	Breakdown of users of HF spectrum
Q-SIGS	1k	ARRL list of Amateur Radio Q-signals
W1AW.SKD	2k	W1AW schedule of transmissions and operation
PRODREV1.TXT	12k	Which rig is best? Part 1 - QST Lab Notes
PRODREV2.TXT	22k	Which rig is best? Part 2 - QST Lab Notes
!LIST.TXT	6k	QST Bibliographies List
RFIGEN.TXT	37k	How to solve an EMI/RFI problem - QST Lab Notes
RFISOURC.TXT	13k	Where to buy filters - EMI-proof telephones etc.
ADDRESS.TXT	16k	Lots and lots of ham/electronic company addresses
KITS.TXT	6k	List of companies that sell kits
BBS.TXT	12k	List of ham-radio land-line bulletin boards
FAQ1.TXT	25k	Introduction to the FAQ and Amateur Radio
FAQ2.TXT	45k	Amateur Radio Orgs, Services and Info Sources
FAQ3.TXT	32k	Amateur Radio Advanced and Technical Questions

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Newington, CT 06111	Email: mtracy@arrl.org

Date: 3 Jul 94 11:35:34 -0500
 From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!library.ucla.edu!europa.eng.gtefsd.com!ulowell!woods.uml.edu!
 martinja@network.ucsd.edu
 Subject: ZIA NET FREQ's
 To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <1994Jul2.183857.25279@rgfn.epcc.edu>, ab728@rgfn.epcc.edu
 (Bill Lindberg) writes:

> Robert E. O'Connell (oconnell@leviathan.tamu.edu) wrote:
 > : Would someone please post or send me a list of the freq's from West Texas
 > : to Tucson, Pheonix and points north.
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> All i know is the one in Albuquerque, it's 145.29, -.6 with a 100 Htz tone
> (I think). I would also like to see a list posted If anyone would care to
> do it. I know there's maps available, but have never seen an online list.
>
> 73, Bill, KC5FKN

Although I am living in Massachusetts right now (and wishing I could hit the
ZIA from here...hi hi) I lived in Alamogordo, NM for three years and left
a year ago. Retired from the Air Force don't ya know.... :)

Anyhoo, El Paso's entrance into the link was on 145.33. No tone required.

Date: (null)
From: (null)
Jim - WK1V

End of Info-Hams Digest V94 #737
